### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# **Application Ranking Summary**

# Wildlife Habitat General

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Wildlife Habitat General		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

### **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes O or No O
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes O or No O
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation—Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O

# **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Warm season grass establishment (20 points):	
1. Will warm season grasses and forbs be established as part of the EQIP SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS? Do not include existing WSG that is already planted or established.	Yes O or No O
Wetland establishment/management (20 points):	
1. Does the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS include a Wetland Creation (658), Wetland Enhancement (659), Wetland Restoration (657) or Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644) component?	Yes O or No O
Targeted practices (10 points):	
1. Does the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS include 647-Disking, 315 – for Light or Medium Spot Treatment scenarios only, or 338 Prescribed Burning or Structures for Wildlife (649) – Edge Feathering?	Yes O or No O
Indiana State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) species (50 Points):	
1. Does any part of the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS benefit a species in most need of conservation as indicated in the Indiana State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)? SWAP species are listed in the "Indiana SWAP_2015 Priority Species (Chapter 5, Table 5-1)", available on the Indiana SharePoint site Technology tab under 'Wildlife'.	Yes O or No O
C.O.R.R.I.D.O.R.S priority areas and practices (85 Points):	
1. Does any part of the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS fall within the C.O.R.R.I.D.O.R.S priority areas (see F:\geodata\project data\nrcs\Ranking_Layers\EQIP\2017\ CORRIDORS_focal-regions_all.lyr)?	Yes O or No O
2. and include at least one (1) practice from the CORRIDOR core practices (Access Control (472), Conservation Cover (327), Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647), Aquatic Organism Passage (396), Hedgerow Planting (422), Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (643), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Shallow Water Development and Management (646),Structures for Wildlife (649), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Wetland Creation (658), Wetland Enhancement (659), Wetland Restoration (657), Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)?	Yes O or No O
Pollinators (20 Points):	
1. Will any of the planned seeding mixes contain a minimum of 3 species for each bloom period (early, mid and late) that are beneficial to pollinators (for a total of 9 species)?	Yes O or No O
Threatened and Endangered Species (100 Points):	
1. Will the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS have a direct positive effect on a Threatened or Endangered Species? Answer "yes" if the project is identified by the Toolkit T&E tool (i.e. Bat Button), AND restores habitat that meets the requirements for program ranking criteria listed in the Toolkit hot-linked T&E guidance documents.	Yes O or No O
Area adjacent to a protected conservation area (25 Points):	

1. Is the offered acreage adjacent to a protected conservation area? Eligible areas include: Federal/State wildlife refuges, forests, parks and nature preserves; Nature Conservancy lands; or other areas protected by a minimum 30 year easement with wildlife management objectives (for example: 30 year or permanent easements in WRP). Classified Wildlands and Classified Forest areas are not deed-restrictive easements, and therefore not considered protected conservation areas.	Yes O or No O
Area within 1/2 mi of a protected conservation area (15 Points):	
1. Is the offered acreage less than 1/2 mile from a protected conservation area? (See restrictions in question 8).	Yes O or No O
Conversion to wildlife habitat (20 Points):	
1. Will the application result in the conversion of all the offered acres from cropland, pasture or hayland to wildlife habitat. This includes land coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program that is eligible for EQIP assistance.	Yes O or No O
Vegetative/structural practices completed in first two years (5 points):	
1. Will all vegetative and/or structural practices included in the application be scheduled to be completed within two years of the obligation date?	Yes O or No O
Practices identified in an existing management plan with a wildlife habitat objective (30 points):	
1. Will the practices included in the application address resource concerns identified in an existing management plan written for this land, and is "wildlife habitat" the PRIMARY resource concern and/or landowner objective? Fish and Wildlife CAPs are considered eligible plans. Forest management plans must list wildlife as the primary objective.	Yes O or No O
Previous contract cancellation/termination (-200 Points):	
1. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? (-200 Points)	Yes O or No O

#### **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Award points based on the resource concerns being addressed in this application, relative to Local Work Group priority resource concerns for your county.	
1. Sheet, Rill & Wind: Bartholomew, Benton, Blackford, Boone, Cass, Crawford, Dearborn, Franklin, Gibson, Hamilton, Hendricks, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Marshall, Montgomery, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Ripley, Shelby, Spencer, St Joseph, Switzerland, Union, Vanderburgh, White Concentrated Flow:  Dubois, Fountain, Grant, Kosciusko, Miami, Posey, Warrick, Washington Ex Bank Erosion: Floyd OM Depletion: Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Henry, Knox, LaGrange, Madison Compaction: Delaware, Jay, Tipton Excess Nutrients in S/G Waters:  Adams, Allen, Carroll, Clinton, Decatur, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fayette, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Johnson, Lake, La Porte, Marion, Newton, Noble, Orange, Perry, Porter, Randolph, Starke, Tippecanoe, Wayne, Wells, Whitley Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Clay, Daviess, Martin, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Scott, Steuben, Vermillion Ex Plant Pest Pressure: Rush Undesirable Plant Prod & Health:  Brown, Lawrence, Monroe, Sullivan, Vigo Habitat Degradation: Clark Inad Livestock Water: Ohio Priority W/s #1: Wabash-Beargrass Creek	Yes O or No O
2. Sheet, Rill & Wind: Clay, Clinton, Decatur, Floyd, Fountain, Harrison, Johns on, Knox, Miami, Ohio, Starke, Tippecanoe, Vermillion Conc Flow: Carroll, Franklin, Hancock, Jackson, Pike, Vanderburgh Ex Bank Erosion: Owen, Scott, Steuben OM Depletion: Bartholomew, Blackford, Boone, Cass, Daviess, Elkhart, H untington, Jasper, Jay, LaPorte, Martin, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, Putnam, Rush, St Joseph, Wabash Compaction: Grant, Henry, LaGrange, Marshall, Switzerland, Union Ex Nutrients: Delaware, Fulton, Gibson, Greene, Hendricks, Jefferson,	Yes O or No O

Montgomery,Parke,Posey,Ripley,Tipton,Warrick,Wash ington Pest Transp Ex Pathogens & Chemicals: Randolph Ex Sediment: Benton,Clark,DeKalb,Dubois,Fayette,Hamilton,Howard ,Jennings,Lake,Marion,Newton,Perry,Shelby,Spencer ,Wayne,White,Whitl Kosciusko,Sullivan,Vigo Undes Plant Prod & Health: Adams,Allen,Crawfo Pest Press: Morgan Inad Structure: Brown Inad Feed & Forage: Orange In Lawrence,Monroe	ley Emissions of GHGs: ord,Dearborn,Wells Ex Plant	
3. Sheet, Rill & Wind: Carroll,Clark,Howard,Huntington,LaPorte,Parke,Sc Crawford,Gibson,Harrison,Henry,Lake,Marion Excess ive Bank Erosion: F Depletion: Decatur,DeKalb,Delaware,Fountain,Hendricks,Marshal I,Montgomery,Newton,Ohio,Starke,Tippecanoe,Vander burgh,Wayne,Whi Allen,Blackford,Boone,Cass,Daviess,Jackson,Putnam, Ripley,Rush Excess Bartholomew,Benton,Clay,Dubois,Hamilton,Hancock,Ja y,Jennings,LaGrange,Morgan,Pike,Pulaski,Shelby,Sp encer,Steuben,Sulliv Excess Pathogens: Adams,Fulton,Wells Excessive Sediment: Clinton,Dearborn,Elkhart,Jefferson,Johnson,Koscius ko,Madison,Noble,Posey,Tipton,Warrick,Washington Undes Plant Prod & Fayette,Knox,Martin,Owen Ex Plant Pest Pressure: Floyd,Greene,Lawrenc Structure & Composition: Porter Emissions of GHGs: Brown,Grant,Monro Jasper,St Joseph Inadequate Livestock Water: Orange,Switzerland,Union	Franklin, Miami OM  tley Compaction: s Nutrients:  ran, Vermillion, Wabash, White  Health: te, Perry, Randolph Inad tley Compaction:	Yes O or No O
4. Sheet, Rill & Wind: Greene, Jasper, Newton, Sullivan Conc Flow: Decatuse Erosion: Jackson, Jennings, Putnam, Rush, Wayne OM Depl: Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Franklin, Grant, Hamil ton, Posey, Ripley, Shelby, Spencer, Steuben, Vermillion, Warrick, White Com Adams, Benton, Elkhart, Fulton, Hancock, Huntington, Lak e, Madison, Parke, Starke, Union, Vanderburgh, Wells Ex Nutrients: Boone, Cass, Henry, Knox, Kosciusko, Marshall, Monroe, Owen, St Joseph, Vig DeKalb, LaGrange, Montgomery, Noble, Whitley Petroleum, Heavy Metals. Allen, Blackford, Floyd, Fountain, Gibson, Hendricks, La Porte, Lawrence, Pike Ponding, Flooding: Tipton Undes Plant Prod: Delaware, Morgan, Perry, Clark, Dubois, Harrison, Howard, Jefferson, Ohio, Orange, Tippecanoe Inad S of GHGs: Jay Habitat Deg: Bartholomew, Brown, Marion, Porter, Scott Inad Dearborn, Johnson Inad LS Water: Daviess, Washington	go Pest Transported:: Miami Ex Sediment: e,Pulaski,Switzerland ,Wabash Ex Plant Pest Press: truct & Comp: Martin Emiss	Yes O or No O
5. Sheet, Rill: Allen,Daviess,Marion,Perry,Steuben,Washington Con c F Clinton,Orange,Putnam,Ripley,Spencer Bank Erosion: Hamilton,Marshall, Gibson,Jennings,Lake,Owen Comp: Boone,Decatur,Kosciusko,Noble,War Clark,Floyd,Fountain,Harrison,Lawrence,Ohio,Madiso n,Union,Vanderbur Blackford,Hancock,Jasper Pest Trans: Cass,Rush Ex Sed: Adams,Bartholomew,Carroll,Franklin,Fulton,Grant,Gr eene,Huntington,Jay,Knox,Montgomery,Porter,Sulliv an,Vigo,Wabash,We Jackson,Miami Ineff Moist Mgmt: Boone Ineff use of Irr Water: Newton G Hendricks,Morgan,Parke Odors: Randolph Undes Plant Prod: Henry,Howard,LaGrange,Posey,Switzerland,Wayne Pla nt Pest Pressure: Benton,Jefferson,Johnson,LaPorte,Monroe,Pike,Scott ,Starke,St Joseph,Tip Pulaski,Vermillion Habitat Deg: DeKalb,Delaware,Dubois,Tippecanoe Ina Crawford,Elkhart,Whitley Inad LS Water: Clay,Dearborn,Fayette,Martin	Shelby OM Dep: rick,White Ex Nuts: rgh Ex Paths: ells Ponding, Flooding: GHGs: pton Inad Struct & Comp:	Yes O or No O
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7. Sheet, Rill, Wind: Brown, Fayette, Fulton, Madison Conc Flow:		Yes O or No O

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### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
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Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: